Department of Marine Resources NOTICE OF AGENCY RULE-MAKING PROPOSAL

RULE TITLE: Chapter 26.07(2) Sea Urchin Harvesting Season 2010 – 2011 2009-2010 – Zone 2

CONCISE SUMMARY: For purposes of conservation pursuant to 12 M.R.S. §6171, §6171-A, and §6749 this regulation establishes season limits for the taking of sea urchins by divers, rakers, trappers, and draggers in **Zone 2** for 2010-2011. The Department proposes a 45 day season for divers, trappers, rakers and draggers in 2010-2011, which was the same length of season in 2009-2010. The Sea Urchin Zone Council recommended the selection of these particular days. Divers, rakers, trappers, and draggers will have a choice of an early or late season.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S. §6171, §6171-A and §6749 PUBLIC HEARINGS:

June 15, 2010, 6:00 PM*, Dept. of Marine Resources, Conf. Rm., 200 McKown Pt. Rd., West Boothbay Harbor (*The Zone 1 season and reporting proposed rules will be followed by proposed season rules for Zone 2; see separate rulemaking notices.)

June 16, 2010, 7:00 PM*, Ellsworth City Hall (Auditorium), One City Hall Plaza, Ellsworth (*The Zone 2 season proposed rules will be followed by proposed season and reporting rules for Zone 1; see separate rulemaking notices.) To ensure consideration, comments must include your name and the organization you represent, if any. Please be aware that any risk of non-delivery associated with submissions by fax or e-mail is on the sender.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: June 28, 2010

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Mail Written Comments to: Department of Marine Resources, attn L Churchill PO Box 8, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008

WEB SITE: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rulemaking/

FAX: (207) 633-9579; TTY: (207) 633-9500 (Deaf/Hard of Hearing) Hearing facilities: If you require accommodations due to disability, please contact Amanda Beckwith, at (207) 287-7578.

Proposed rulemaking – see underlined or deleted text below:

Chapter 26 - Sea Urchin Regulations

26.07 Sea Urchin Harvesting Season 2010-20112009-2010 pursuant to 12 M.R.S.A. §6749

- 2. Zone 2 [as defined by 12 M.R.S.A. §6749-N(2)]
 - A. Early season for divers, trappers and rakers

The Zone 2 season for divers, trappers and rakers who have certified the early season on forms provided by the Commissioner, is open September 22 to 24, 27 to 29; and Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays in the months of October, November and December 2010 plus Thursday, December 16, 2010 and Wednesday, December 29, 2010 is closed. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays plus Tuesday the 29th in the month of September 2009 except September 2, 3 and 4 is closed; and Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the month of October 2009; and Mondays and Tuesdays plus Wednesday the 18th in the month of November 2009; and Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the month of December 2009 plus Thursday, December 17 except December 28 to 30, 2009 is closed.

B. Early season for draggers

The Zone 2 season for draggers who have certified the early season on forms provided by the Commissioner, is open Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays in the months of October, November and December 2010 plus Thursday, December 16, 2010 is open and Wednesday, December 29, 2010 is closed; plus and January 3 to 5 and 10 to 12, 2011. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the month of October 2009; Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the month of November 2009 except November 25 is closed; Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the month of December 2009 plus Thursday, December 17 except December 30 is closed; and Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the month of January 2010 except January 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27 is closed.

C. Late season for divers, trappers, rakers and draggers
The Zone 2 season for divers, trappers, rakers, and draggers who have certified the late season on forms
provided by the Commissioner, is open Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays in the months of December 2010
and January 2011 plus Thursday, December 16, 2010 except Wednesday, December 1, 2010 is closed; and
February 1, 7, 8, 14 to 16, 21 to 23 and 28, 2011; and March 1, 2, 7 to 9, 14 to 16 and 21, 2011. Mondays,

Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the month of December 2009, plus December 17, except December 1, 2 and 30 is closed; Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the months of January, February and March 2010 except February 3, 10 and March 24, 29, 30 and 31 is closed.

Note: M.R.S.A. would be replaced by M.R.S. throughout the entire chapter.

Proposed 2010 - 2011 Sea Urchin Season For Maine Zone 2

O = Open = Closed

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